

City of Tulare
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:31 a.m., by Chairperson Craig Hancock, at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Craig Hancock Ira Porchia
 Nicholas Sherwood Mike Jamaica
 Armando daSilva Lori Fishbough
 Eric Farrenkopf

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Glick Brian Beck
 Karie Rodriguez

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lori Fishbough.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Approve Commission minutes of May 11, 2021

It was motioned by Vice-Chair Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Farrenkopf that the minutes of May 11, 2021 be approved as presented (7-0).

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Staff report to approve revisions to Master Fees & Charges Schedule for the 2020/21 fiscal year

Recreation Supervisor Beck presented minor increases to four independent charges on the existing fee schedule. It was motioned by Chairman Hancock and seconded by Commissioner Fishbough to approve the Master Fees & Charges Schedule as presented (7-0)

(2) **Staff report on Proposition 68 Per Capita Allocations**

Community Services Director Glick explained that \$177,000.00 has been allocated to the City of Tulare to create or improve an outdoor play area in an underserved/disadvantaged area of our community. The proposal for use of this grant funding it to add an additional lighted basketball court and resurface the existing basketball court at Prosperity Sports Park. No fund matching is required. Vice-chair Sherwood asked if expense estimates have been procured. Director Glick advised that remaining/excess funding may be used to request bleachers/benches for the area surrounding the courts. There was also an inquiry about potential for a dog park in the future and Director Glick said that the Master Plan is currently under review and any new projects that are selected will be presented at a later date. Director Glick also relayed interest in the development of a regional sports park. It was motioned by Commissioner Farrenkopf and seconded by Commissioner daSilva to present this project for consideration to City Council for approval (7-0)

(3) **Staff Report on Recreation Division attendance report for May**

Supervisor Beck reported that attendance numbers are beginning to increase for arbor and field rentals. He reminded the Board that Elk Bayou Soccer Complex is closed annually May 31 through August to preserve the grass.

(4) **Staff report on Upcoming Recreation and Special Events**

Supervisor Beck reported that the following programs will begin the week of June 14, 2021; Aquatics, Tennis, Softball, Summer Camp, and Pre-Sports Plus. July includes registration for BEST Club as well as Movies in the Park. He also mentioned that the Recreation Foundation dispersed \$300 scholarships to three recipients from Tulare Western and Mission Oak (no applications from Tulare Union were received)

(5) **Staff Report on Park Maintenance Operations & Projects**

Supervisor Beck stated that in May multiple main line breaks were repaired; including Live Oak, Prosperity Sports Park and Blain Park. These repairs were often hindered by response time from USA locates before digging. Inspections of lighting and landscape districts continue. Nearly daily repairs and repainting of restrooms are necessary due to vandalism. Splash pads are currently operating weekends only from noon to 7pm. The State issued Stage 2 restrictions are in affect and subject to change. Director Glick also added that interviews for Parks Manager will take place this Friday. The budget is projected for approval during the June 15th session; following approval positions at the Senior Center as well as the Parks Ranger position will be scheduled for recruitment.

IX. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

Commissioner Fishbough noted that the private tennis instruction and crowding at the Del Lago courts has subsided. Supervisor Beck further noted that the Recreation Division's tennis instruction will take place at Live Oak courts.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 a.m.